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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/867,475

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Maria B Marvich, PhD

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4 and 6-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 31,34 and 35 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 4, 6-12, 14-21, 24, 27-30, 32, 33, 36, 37 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13,22,23,25 and 26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

This office action is in response to an amendment filed 12/1/04. Claims 2 and 5 are cancelled. Claims 1, 6, 12, 13 and 15-17 have been amended. Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-37 are pending. Claims 31 and 34-35 are withdrawn. Therefore, claims 1, 3, 4, 6-30, 32, 33, 36 and 37 are under examination.

#### ***Response to Amendment***

Any rejection of record in the previous action not addressed in this office action is withdrawn. There are new grounds of rejection herein that were not necessitated by applicant's amendment and therefore, this action is not final.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 13, 22, 23, 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 13 is vague and indefinite in that the metes and bounds of "a non-adenoviral vector" are unclear. It is unclear how E1 in a vector can be under control of a non-adenoviral vector. Does the vector encode factors that affect expression of E1. **This is a new rejection is necessitated by applicants' amendment.**

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Claim 13 recites the limitation "the E1 function" in claim 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. **This rejection is maintained for reasons of record in the office action mailed 6/2/04.**

Claim 13 is vague and indefinite in that the metes and bounds of "functional for the E1 function" are unclear. Firstly, E1 has more than one function thus it is unclear if all or one are intended to be "functional" as the claim recites **the function**. If it is one function as written, it is unclear which of the functions is to be "functional". Secondly, functional E1 function is redundant. **This rejection is maintained for reasons of record in the office action mailed 6/2/04.**

Claim 22 recites the limitation "at least one defective function" in claim 20. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. The helper vector is not said to have any defective functions. **This is a new rejection.**

Claim 22 and 25 are vague and indefinite in that the metes and bounds of "part of all of at least one defective function" are unclear. It is clear if the defective function is complemented in part of if all of the defective functions are complemented in part. **This is a new rejection.**

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicants' state on page 12 of the amendment filed 12/1/04 that claim 13 has been amended to overcome the rejection. However, claim 13 has been amended in part only and the amendments have not overcome the rejection.

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***Conclusion***

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-12, 14-21, 24, 27-30, 32, 33, 36 and 37 are allowed.

Claims 13, 22, 23, 25 and 26 are rejected.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maria B Marvich, PhD whose telephone number is (571)-272-0774. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-3:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Remy Yucel, PhD can be reached on (571)-272-0781. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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